

SUNDAY CLUBS DO NOT VIOLATE LAW

Excise Board Replies to Complaint of Mr. James F. Cunningham.

WOULD LIKE EVIDENCE

Has No Desire to Continue Improper Organizations—Police Reports Show No Effort to Evade the Law—Status of Institutions Defined.

The District Commissioners yesterday received from Mr. Roger Williams, clerk of the Excise Board, a communication on the subject of Sunday clubs. Several days ago a letter was sent to the Commissioners by James F. Cunningham asking severe comment upon the practices of the so-called social clubs on Sunday.

It was alleged in this letter that the clubs are no better than ordinary saloons with a wide open Sunday thrown in. Mr. Williams, in his reply, says:

"Licenses are granted to clubs," says Mr. Williams in his report, "under the provisions of section 6 of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1893, known as the excise law. The board requires that the application for license shall be signed by the principal officers of the club, usually three in number, and that with the same there shall be filed a certified copy of the articles of incorporation, the constitution and by-laws, and a roster of the members of the club, all of which papers are read and considered by the board before a license is granted."

Different From Saloons.

"Under an opinion of the Attorney for the District no signatures of owners of property and residents in the vicinity are required as in an application for an ordinary barroom license, nor, under an opinion of the same officer, does the provision against the locating of a place where intoxicating liquors are sold within 400 feet of a church or school apply, which would seem to indicate that the framers of the law intended to place clubs on a different footing from a barroom."

Eighteen Clubs in District.

"At present there are in the District of Columbia eighteen licensed clubs, fifteen being composed of white members and three of colored. The police reports made each year on the applications and the reports of the board's inspectors made many times during the year do not show a condition of affairs as represented by Mr. Cunningham. It would seem that if the places are conducted as he says they are the neighbors would naturally protest against the annoyance necessarily caused by such conditions. No remonstrance has ever been received by the board against the three places mentioned by him from those living adjacent to the said places, the nearest approach to a protest being an anonymous communication against the locating of one of them, which was inspired by, not emanating from, one who had a license as a dispenser of liquors in the near neighborhood, and feared the existence of a more privileged rival."

Has Refused Licenses.

"Since the year 1894 this board has refused the licenses of five clubs, based either on a bad police record or on the complaint of neighbors. During said period the board has refused to license at least fifteen clubs."

Asks for Evidence.

"The board has no desire to continue a club which it does not believe, or is not conducted in a proper manner. If Mr. Cunningham, when the licenses for clubs are considered next year, will present evidence in substantiation of the charges made, the board will hear him and give the matter the consideration which its importance invites."

AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL.

Resolution Passed Approving President's Remarks on Lynching.

A well attended meeting of the Afro-American Council was held at the Second Baptist Church last evening for the purpose of enlightening the people of the country in the work of the council. Addresses were made by Prof. Jesse Lawson, who presided over the meeting; Rev. W. B. Johnson, Rev. George W. Lee, Jr., C. B. Purvis, and Rev. B. J. Baldwin.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Afro-American Council heartily indorse the noble words spoken by Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, against lynching in his magnificent speech at Arlington, Va., on May 30, 1902."

PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY.

Mr. Abraham Fisher Wants His Accounts Settled Up.

Mr. Abraham Fisher, who states his occupation as that of a real estate agent and stock broker, yesterday filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy. He lists his liabilities at \$11,000.32 and his assets at \$4,943.25.

The liabilities consist of unsecured claims amounting to \$49,516.12, and notes and bills, "which ought to be paid by other parties, trusts, for \$130.40." The assets consist of bills, promissory notes and securities.

Wharton E. Lester is named as counsel for the petitioner.

Reduced Rate to Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Account Intercollegiate Regatta. The Pennsylvania Railroad will, on June 29 and 31, excursion tickets to Poughkeepsie or Highland, good to return until June 25, at rate of one fare for the round trip.

Dancing to Music of U. S. Marine Band

(17 pieces) at beautiful Clear Lake every evening 8:45 to 11. Grand concert 7:30 to 8:45.

Rough Boards Still \$1.50 per 100 sq. ft.

4th Street, too, at 6th and N. Y. ave. w.

SUIT AGAINST A RAILWAY.

Mrs. S. W. R. Williams Claims Damages for Death of Husband.

Mrs. Selma W. P. Williams, executrix of the estate of Albert K. Williams, who was killed near the corner of Ninth and K Streets northwest, November 5, 1901, yesterday filed suit against the Metropolitan Railroad Company to recover \$10,000 claimed as damages accruing from the death of her husband.

It is stated that Mr. Williams was a passenger on a northbound car, and he alighted from it with the intention of proceeding to his home at the corner of Tenth and K Streets northwest. While he was attempting to cross the west track of the defendant he was struck by a southbound car and so seriously injured that he died within a few minutes.

The deceased was well known in this city, having conducted a second-hand book store on Seventh Street, between E and F Streets northwest, for nearly half a century.

Mr. F. H. Stephens is named as counsel for the plaintiff.

SUIT TO RECOVER REALTY.

Validity of Marriage of Slave to Free Woman to Be Determined.

The suit filed in the Supreme Court of the District yesterday by Eliza Weaver, Celia Williams, and George L. Weaver to recover possession of real estate in Southwest Washington valued at \$2,500, involves the validity of an alleged marriage of a slave and a free woman before the civil war.

The property is now in the possession of Mary Weaver and Ellen Briscoe, who claim to be the wife and daughter of Nathaniel Weaver, who died in this city about two years ago.

The complainants, who are represented by Attorneys W. E. Ambrose, James Archer, and Charles H. Merrillat, it is contended, are sisters and a brother, respectively, of Nathaniel Weaver, and are consequently his heirs at law. It is understood that they further contend that he was not married, either before or after the war, to the defendant, Mary Weaver.

The property is located near Ninth and E Streets southwest. The defendants, Mary Weaver and Ellen Briscoe, it is alleged by the plaintiffs, soon after Nathaniel Weaver's death entered into possession and have since held the property, asserting that they were his wife and daughter by a slave marriage. The suit in effect, besides asking that the plaintiffs be put in possession, claims \$1,000 as damages or mesne profits for the time they have been kept out of the property.

MINOR MUNICIPAL MATTERS OF INTEREST

District Commissioners Accept Resignation of Watchman Brown of No. 6 Engine Company.

By order of the Commissioners Patrick J. Brick has been licensed as a master gasfitter upon the filing of a satisfactory bond.

Horses No. 144, 187, and 327, belonging to the Fire Department, having been found unfit for further use in the department, by order of the Commissioners have been turned over to the property clerk for disposal.

The Commissioners have directed that the time for the completion of contract with the American Sewer Pipe Company, of Pittsburgh, for furnishing paving blocks to the District be extended for thirty days.

The proposal of the Brennan Construction Company, under date of June 6, to erect a concrete wall around the rear of the lot at the chemical engine house in Brookland, for the sum of \$240 has been accepted by the Commissioners.

The Collector of Taxes has recommended, and the Commissioners have approved the same, that a refund of \$3 be granted to Messrs. Douglass & Douglass for a survey which was claimed to be erroneously made.

The Commissioners have voted to inform Mr. Joseph Bauer that his request to lay brick pavement over the parking in front of 408 K Street northwest is in violation of the regulations and cannot be granted.

On recommendation of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, the Commissioners of the District have accepted the resignation of Watchman C. W. Brown, of Engine Company No. 6, and have appointed Lorenzo D. Donaldson to the position vacated.

The Inspector of Electric Lighting has forwarded to the Commissioners a recommendation that the request of Mr. J. Smith, of Brightwood Park, for the erection of a gas lamp at the southeast corner of Eighth and Des Moines Streets, be granted, and the inspector further recommends that the two lamps further in the vicinity be changed to gas lamps, the total expense being estimated at \$18.

The Superintendent of Property has written to the Commissioners to the effect that the proposed plan for receiving for furnishing vitrified paving block for the ensuing fiscal year, and that the Commissioners have authorized the closing of a contract for that class of material. Under the circumstances, he does not deem it advisable to consider an offer made by the receiver's agent of the Eastern Paving Brick Company for a quantity of blocks on the company's stock at Catskill, N. Y.

Will of Thomas Keilher.

Thomas Keilher, by his will, dated May 29, 1902, and filed yesterday, leaves his estate to his widow, Mary Shugrue Keilher, who is named executrix without bond.

A Real Estate Sale of Great Interest.

The immediately valuable real estate consisting of six lots, four of which are improved, and all as one whole or entirely, containing over 2,000 square feet on the corner of 15th and I streets n.e., fronting on McPherson Park, and belonging to the estate of Benjamin L. Riggs, deceased, will be offered at public auction in front of the premises on Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock through C. G. Sloan & Co., Auctioneers, by Rudolph A. King and Harry King, trustees, by virtue of a decree of the Supreme Court of the District.

Beautiful Heart Georgia Flooring, \$2.50 per 100 sq. ft., by F. Libbey & Co.

FOR BENEFIT OF CREDITORS.

Mr. Anthony M. Clegg Files Petition in Bankruptcy.

Mr. Anthony M. Clegg yesterday filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy, stating his readiness and willingness to surrender all of his property for the benefit of his creditors. He lists his liabilities at \$134,572.68, and his assets at \$5,913. Of the liabilities, it is stated, \$3,845.59 is due for merchandise sold the firm of M. A. Dugan & Co., of which Mr. Clegg was a member.

In connection with this indebtedness it is said that it is not known whether any of the creditors have notes, bills, or bonds, except J. P. Arnes & Co. Most of the remainder of the indebtedness, the schedules show, was contracted under similar circumstances.

The only item in the schedule against Mr. Clegg individually is a note for \$17,669, on the Plaza Bank, New York.

H. W. Sobon is named as counsel for the petitioner.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Fair today and tomorrow. Warmer Wednesday. Diminishing northeasterly winds.

TEMPERATURE.

Highest temperature, 3 p. m., 83. Lowest temperature, 12:06 a. m., 65.

THE SUN AND MOON.

Sun rises, 4:21 A. M. Sun sets, 7:26 P. M. Moon rises, 12:16 A. M. Moon sets, 2:16 P. M.

TIDE TABLE.

Low tide, 12:16 A. M. and 6:17 P. M. High tide, 6:57 A. M. and 1:17 P. M.

STREET LIGHTING.

Lamps lit today, 8:06 P. M. Lamps out tomorrow, 3:42 A. M.

AMUSEMENTS.

Chase—Sousa's opera, "El Capitán," evening.

Coliseum—Open Air Circus, afternoon and evening.

EXCURSIONS.

Steamer Macalester for Marshall Hall at 10 a. m., 2:30 and 6:30 p. m.

Norfolk and Washington line for Fort Monroe and Norfolk at 6:30 p. m.

Trains leave Pennsylvania Avenue and Thirteenth and-a-half Street for Alexandria and Arlington every half hour.

Mount Vernon hourly, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Chesapeake Beach—See schedules under "Railroads and Steamboats" as to time.

TEMPERATURES IN OTHER CITIES.

	Max.	Min.	8 p. m.	Fall.
Atlantic City	72	64	64	42
Atlanta	86	68	82	—
Bismarck, N. D.	74	46	70	—
Boston, Mass.	75	54	72	—
Buffalo, N. Y.	72	62	62	23
Chicago	76	58	62	—
Cincinnati	86	70	74	—
Cheyenne, Wyo.	78	48	74	—
Davenport, Iowa	74	56	70	—
Denver, Colo.	78	50	72	—
Des Moines, Iowa	72	54	66	—
Galveston, Tex.	86	80	84	—
Helena, Mont.	68	42	56	—
Indianapolis	78	60	72	—
Jacksonville, Fla.	80	72	72	—
Kansas City, Mo.	74	58	72	—
Little Rock, Ark.	88	74	86	—
Marquette, Mich.	68	52	58	—
Memphis, Tenn.	90	72	84	—
New Orleans, La.	94	76	88	—
New York	84	70	70	—
North Platte, Neb.	66	54	60	—
Omaha, Neb.	70	54	62	—
Pittsburg, Pa.	78	60	66	—
Salt Lake City	82	54	82	—
St. Louis, Mo.	80	64	76	—
St. Paul, Minn.	70	50	70	—
Springfield, Ill.	74	60	72	—
Victoria, B. C.	94	76	90	—

HEALTH OFFICE RECORD.

Deaths.

The following deaths for forty-eight hours were reported at the Health Department up to noon yesterday:

Mrs. Doris Grise, 90 years.
Hannah Henderson, 85 years.
Katherine Latchford, 84 years.
Rebecca Brown, 75 years.
Thomas Brooke, 70 years.
John Crane, 65 years.
Edgar Price, 63 years.
Walter J. Watson, 56 years.
Cliff H. Guerdum, 54 years.
Mary Swales, 45 years.
Minnie Maynard, 42 years.
Tillman Jenkins, 40 years.
Makama C. Willet, 35 years.
Samuel S. Hunter, 34 years.
Rose Jackson, 34 years.
Annie C. Wilkinson, 33 years.
Will Davis, 29 years.
James W. Wilson, 29 years.
John H. A. G. Newman, 28 years.
Lillian M. Holmes, 25 years.
John H. Thomas, 25 years.
Arthur A. Clifton, 20 years.
Beattie Harrison, 19 years.
Rosalia D. Nelson, 2 years.
Helen Fenwick, 1 year.
Paul L. Stoll, 1 year.
Norman L. Fox, 10 months.
George Jones, 10 months.
Ignatius L. Moore, 7 months.
Eddie W. Johnson, 6 months.
Joseph E. Levy, 5 months.
Myrtle L. Berry, 5 months.
Henry Duritz, 5 days.
Mary E. Sealborn, 2 months.
Thurman Mythe, 2 months.
Mary Jones, 1 month.
Infant of Robert and Fannie Green, 6 days.
Mary Jones, 1 day.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Louis G. Luckert and Ida M. Cirper.
William Jackson and Julia White.
R. T. Johnson, of Westmoreland county, Va., and Fannie A. Lewis, of Richmond, Va.

Branson Edwards and Elizabeth Reed, both of Baltimore, Md.

James Carter and Mollie Haney, both of Rappahannock county, Va.

Ferol Winstead, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Emma J. Dawson, of Heathville, Va.

Philip L. Corby and Mary L. Ramey.
William Rigney and Annie Johnson.
Golden L. Hedlin and Elizabeth L. Keiser.

Clinton Dunbar, of Elkton, Md., and Mary Emma Welsh, of the District of Columbia.

Arthur Hurd and Ellen Ford.
John Richard, of the District of Columbia, and Melissa Williams, of Benning, D. C.

Mack Kenny Cunningham, U. S. A., and Mary R. Fealy, of the District of Columbia.

George R. Walker and Amanda Thomas.
Alvin T. Burrows and Mada R. Moore.
Sidney H. Polenstein and Nora C. Heller.

Hubert Young and Ada Baldwin Gilman.
George W. Bennett and Mamie Whitaker.

Osmer Bowman and Jennie Robinson.
Charles Luckett and Elizabeth Woodson.

George D. Carter and Rebecca Clayton.
Ferdinand C. G. Buckert and Clara J. White.

White Pine Doors, only \$1.25 each, already painted, too, by F. Libbey & Co.

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE VERY MUCH DISCOURAGED

Disposition Felt to Make No Further Attempt to Increase Funds in Hand.

There is a disposition on the part of those interested in the arrangements for the coming encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in this city, beginning October 6 next, to content themselves with the funds that are already on hand, and to discontinue their efforts to raise \$50,000. The fund now amounts to about \$12,000, and with this sum it is thought suitable entertainment can be provided for the visitors. Chairman Warner seems to be alone in the belief that the \$50,000 fund can be raised, and has announced his determination of taking the field alone in an effort to raise the amount.

Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, the chairman of the women's auxiliary committee, yesterday announced the following subcommittees:

Ladies' committee on decorations—Mrs. Ada H. Weiser, chairman; Mrs. Emma E. Meyers, Mrs. Addie E. Wright, Mrs. Harriet L. Vining, Mrs. Helen A. Engle, Mrs. Annon E. Ball, Miss Mary L. Smith, Mrs. Emma Donohue, Mrs. Janie T. White, Mrs. Mamie P. Dorsey, Mrs. Edwin Trull, Mrs. Mary Knorr, Mrs. Annie Kearns, Mrs. R. V. McManis, Mrs. Emma Ferguson, Mrs. Annie Barnhart, Mrs. Mattie Roach, Mrs. A. B. McKensie, Mrs. Lizzie Allen, Mrs. H. L. Hoffinger, Mrs. William Alberger, Mrs. Mary Lamb, Miss Cella Ford, Mrs. Albert T. S. Odell, Miss Nettie Tanner, Miss Jane Gibson, Mrs. George Johnson, Mrs. Flora A. Lewis, Mrs. Ellen Sandford, Mrs. Mattie McClure, Mrs. J. A. West, Miss Mary Slayman, Mrs. M. D. Brochoven, Mrs. Agnes Keller, Mrs. Eva Callahan, Mrs. J. E. N. Engalls, Mrs. Charles Parker, Mrs. Margaret Knapp, Mrs. Electa E. Smith, Mrs. Martha Cutler, Mrs. George Street, Mrs. Ida Schwegler, Mrs. Charles Pepper, Mrs. William King, Mrs. A. Duffy, Mrs. Mary A. Young, Mrs. Anna Baden, Mrs. Mary Taylor, Mrs. Celestia Ferris, Mrs. Alice Goodacre, Mrs. N. B. Prentiss, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. Simon Wolf, Mrs. D. B. Hendrin, Mrs. Elmina Foley, Mrs. L. S. Chase, Mrs. Margaret M. Ammon, Mrs. R. J. Beall, Mrs. Catherine Case, Mrs. Emily H. Hawley, Mrs. Jennie Main, Mrs. Kester Watson, Mrs. Dr. Guss, Mrs. Alfred Wood.

Ladies' committee on public comfort—Mrs. Lizzie Calver, Mrs. Fannie C. Pomroy, Miss Lillian E. Calver, Mrs. William M. Bass, Mrs. Rosa E. Brackett, Mrs. Matilda Sprague, Mrs. M. J. Hull, Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. W. H. Crook, Mrs. Emily H. Hawley, Mrs. Jennie Main, Mrs. Kester Watson, Mrs. Dr. Guss, Mrs. Alfred Wood.

WILL OF WILLIAM GALT.

Large Sum Left to Charity and Balance to Members of Family.

The late William Galt by his will dated December 21, 1897, left \$14,000 to be used for charitable and educational purposes. All of this amount is bequeathed to institutions in this city, except \$1,000, which is given for distribution among the worthy poor of Alexandria, Va.

By the terms of the will, his estate is disposed of as follows: To the Little Sisters of the Poor, \$1,000; to St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, \$1,000; to St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, \$1,000; to St. Ann's Infant Asylum, \$1,000; to the House of the Good Shepherd, \$1,000; to the Washington Home for Incurables, \$1,000; to the Central Dispensary and Emergency Hospital, \$1,000; to the Night Lodging House Association, \$1,000; to the Children's Hospital, \$1,000; to the president and directors of the Georgetown College, for the benefit of the Georgetown University Hospital, \$1,000; to the president and directors of the Gonzaga College, for medals for deserving pupils, \$1,000; to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia \$2,000, to be invested and the income used for medals for public school pupils; to the pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Alexandria, Va., \$1,000, to be used by him in assisting worthy poor people in the town.

After payment of the above legacies the estate is to be divided into three parts, one-third to go to William W. Galt, Alex. Hunter Galt, Mrs. Virginia Elliot, and the children of Frank T. Galt, a deceased brother of the testator; one-third to Howard Galt and Mrs. Eliza M. McCormick, children of James V. Galt, and the remaining third to Charles E. Galt, Norman Galt, Walter Galt, Sterling Galt, Annie Fendall, children of Matthew W. Galt.

Reginald Fendall and R. Ross Perry are named as executors under the will, but by a codicil dated March 18, 1898, this appointment is revoked, and William E. Edmonston and John D. Coughlan are substituted as executors.

RECEIVERS TO STAY.

Application of American Savings Bank Company Refused.

Justice Hagner yesterday dismissed the petition of William Oscar Rouse, representing the American Savings Bank, asking that the receiver appointed by the court to take charge of the assets and wind up its affairs be discharged.

The ground of the petition was that the court was without jurisdiction to place the bank in the hands of a receiver, because the complainants were not stockholders.

Attorneys H. H. Glassie and D. V. Baker appeared for the receivers, and Philip Walker for the American Savings Bank.

Discrepancy in Weight.

The Superintendent of Property has forwarded to the District Commissioners a memorandum showing discrepancies in weights of cars containing stone and screenings recently shipped from Dickerson, Md., between freight bills rendered by the company and weights taken by a representative of the District of Columbia. He recommends that the attention of the railroad officials be invited to the matter, with the request that more care be taken in the future.

REPORT AGAINST PLUMBERS.

Inspector Notifies Commissioners of Many Delinquents.

The Inspector of Plumbing has reported to the Commissioners the following list of master plumbers who have failed to notify the office of plumbing work done by them in the premises noted for final inspection and the peppermint test, as required by the regulations:

J. J. French, at 631 Seventh Street northwest; J. B. Clatche, at 1106 K Street northwest; E. J. Hannan, at 407 Ninth Street northwest; Mulcare & Barco, at 1226 Q Street northwest; James L. Sumner, at 629 A Street northeast; J. W. Hurley, at 221 B Street northeast; O. N. May, at 21 P Street northeast; George W. Ashton, on lots 15 to 18, square 753, at 169 Massachusetts Avenue northeast; and at 314 C Street northeast, and J. B. Lanahan, at 1109 H Street northeast, and at 617 Second Street northeast.

Mrs. McMahon Granted a Divorce.

Mrs. Columbia R. McMahon was yesterday granted a divorce from her husband, John W. McMahon. The decree is signed by Justice Hagner, presiding in Equity Court No. 1.

VAUGHN CLUB CLASS.

Organization Holds Enjoyable Meeting at Calvary Baptist Church.

The regular monthly meeting of the Vaughn Club Class, which was held last evening in the Sunday school home of Calvary Baptist Church, Eighth and H Streets northwest, was made more than usually enjoyable by combining an excellent program of vocal selections and readings and refreshments with the regular order of business.

After disposing of routine matters the following entertainment was presented under the direction of a committee composed of Walter Plumley, chairman; Grant G. Barnhardt, and Dr. E. C. Rice.

Piano solo, W. F. Huntress; vocal solo, J. C. Laurie; recitation, J. H. Price; piano solo, A. H. Robinette; violin solo, William Aldridge.

At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served. P. S. Chapman rendered several selections on the gramophone grand.

Under the head of "Dreams and Visions" Mr. H. F. Farmer presented a number of beautiful thoughts, calculated to encourage and inspire the members of the class to greater efforts in the interest of the organization. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was brought to a close with an address by Mr. Vaughn, the teacher of the class, who congratulated all.

The class decided to install electric fans in the room where the sessions are held on Sunday mornings.

These present included the following: F. W. Vaughn, Dr. E. C. Rice, G. G. Sedgwick, Walter Plumley, Grant S. Barnhardt, H. P. Farmer, F. S. Gardner, A. A. Seals, C. E. Turner, J. S. Hebbard, W. W. White, R. E. Maupin, F. S. Hollander, R. H. Nelson, R. C. Caldwell, M. C. Hull, E. D. Colman, William Aldridge, J. M. Dean, O. P. Pfender, R. A. Bolen, F. J. Chapman, C. C. Mussina, F. D. Loomis, W. F. Huntress, G. A. Aldridge, James Price, Thomas Price, Thomas Byland, H. Robinette, S. M. Simpson, J. C. Laurie, H. D. McWhirt, S. S. McWhirt, C. M. C. Spooner, J. C. Riddell, Frank Cragg, W. S. Wilkes, L. L. Sheekels, and F. E. Bridges.

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